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TAGS: OVIP, LI (TOLBERT, PRESIDENT WILLIAM R.)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S STATE VISIT TO U.S.

REF: MONROVIA 4997

1. FOLLOWING IS SENT TO YOU IN ANTICIPATION OF MEETING OUTLINED REFTEL.
2. WE DO NOT YET HAVE FIRM DATE FOR VISIT BUT EXPECT TO IN NEAR FUTURE.
3. SEPTEL REPORTS MEETING OF LIBERIAN ROVING AMBASSADOR HARMON WITH AF/W DIRECTOR SMITH WHICH WAS LARGELY DEVOTED TO VISIT. HARMON SUGGESTED THAT PRESIDENT TOLBERT ADDRESS JOINT MEETING OF CONGRESS. IF SUBJECT ARISES IN YOUR MEETING JULY 16 YOU MAY SAY THAT ADDRESS TO JOINT MEETING IS ARRANGED BY THE EMBASSY CONCERNED WITH THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE. YOU MAY ADD THAT CONGRESS IS SCHEDULED TO ADJOURN ON OCTOBER 2 AND THAT WHILE THIS
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DATE MAY SLIP, IN AN ELECTION YEAR IT WILL NOT SLIP MUCH.

YOU MAY ALSO ADD THAT CONGRESS IS NOW IN ADJOURNMENT FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION AND WILL ADJOURN FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS IN AUGUST FOR THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. THE PRESSURE OF WORK IN THE CONGRESS WILL THUS BE VERY HEAVY IN SEPTEMBER.

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